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TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, SHUM, GY  
SUBJECT: CEDDI JAGAN: TRIP TO US AND POSSIBLE SUGAR STRIKE

1. PEOPLES PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) LEADER DR. CHEDDI JAGAN  
INFORMED CONSUL ON MARCH 29 THAT DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT  
TO THE US (APRIL 6-30), HE INTENDS TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS  
AT HIS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (FSU)  
AND VASSAR COLLEGE. HIS SPEECHES ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE WITH  
REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN GUYANA. WHEN CONSUL  
COMMENTED THAT GUYANA HAD A GOOD INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS, JAGAN REPLIED THAT THE PPP WAS CONCERNED OVER  
DEVELOPMENTS NOW TAKING PLACE IN GUYANA. HOWEVER, JAGAN ONLY  
MENTIONED THE RAMPERSAUD TRIAL AS AN EXAMPLE OF GOG ACTION  
AGAINST THE RIGHTS OF GUYANESE CITIZENS.

2. JAGAN DID NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING  
SUBSTANCE OF HIS LECTURES AT FSU AND VASSAR. HE WILL  
PROBABLY ACCUSE GOG OF VARIOUS VIOLATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
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RANGING FROM 1973 ELECTION FRAUD TO OTHER GOG ACTIVITIES  
PERCEIVED BY PPP TO BE UNDERCUTTING THEIR POLITICAL RIGHTS  
AND ACTIVITIES.

3. THE EFFORTS OF JAGAN AND THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLORE  
POSSIBILITY OF FORMING A PNC/PPP NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT  
REPORTEDLY BROKE DOWN ABOUT A MONTH AGO. JAGAN HAS RECENTLY

TRAVELED IN THE INTERIOR TO TOUCH BASE WITH REGIONAL LEADERS AND HIS PARTY'S CONSTITUENCY AND HAS TESTED HIS STRENGTH BY CALLING LOCAL ONE-DAY STRIKES AT VARIOUS SUGAR ESTATES. RUMORS ARE THAT JAGAN HAS PLANNED FOR MAJOR SUGAR STRIKE TO START AFTER HE LEAVES GUYANA NEXT WEEK AND WHEN SUGAR HARVEST ATTAINS PEAK PERIOD. GOG OFFICIALS ARE EXTREMELY NERVOUS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A STRIKE, AS A MAJOR SUGAR STRIKE NOW WOULD REDUCE A POOR SUGAR YIELD TO ONE DISASTROUS FOR THE ECONOMY.

4. JAGAN ALSO INTENDS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AT UN LIBRARY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND VISIT HIS SON WHO IS ATTENDING HOWARD UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. DETAILS OF TRIP HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO INS AND WAIVER HAS BEEN GRANTED.

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